actual difficulties that they could not overcome in the working of this scheme and how they came to the conclusion that collective farming was not at all successful?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Collective farming was tried in Kurnool district and in East Godavari district. It failed due to the disinclination of the colonists to work it."

Assignment of land to the landless poor in Ponnani taluk.

* 1654 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received from Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan, M.L.A., on 29th November 1954 for the assignment of poramboke lands to the landless poor in Vadanapalli amsam and Kadaparam amsam of Ponnani taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) As the encroachments are highly objectionable, the Collector has been asked to carry out eviction."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" There are vast areas of poramboke land in Chowgat and Nattika firkas besides lands in Kadaparam and Vadanapalli villages. About 250 families of the landless poor peasants have settled themselves on the land. They have no other house-sites and the matter was represented to the Collector and the Deputy Tahsildar. But it seems on the persuasion of rich people, the so-called collective farmers perhaps, the Deputy Tahsildar have asked them to vacate the land. All these people are landless poor and the policy of the Government also has been to assign lands to such people. In the light of these facts, will the Government revise their former decision and see that these people are assigned lands which they have been occupying for long? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" My information is that the hon. Member himself is responsible to some extent for the encroachment. Then, Sir, the occupation is of an objectionable nature in this way. It is within one furlong of the high water-mark in the fore-shore of the sea. It is very highly objectionable and steps are being taken to evict the present occupants."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since this taluk is one of the most crowded taluks in Malabar district, will the Government at least, after the land survey is made and facts are collected, consider the question of giving the lands to the landless poor? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, Government will certainly take steps to give land to the landless poor people. But not lands which come within the definition of ' objectionable '."

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SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" On a point of personal explanation. I take serious objection to the Hon. the Minister for Revenue making a charge against me that I am responsible for the encroachments. As a matter of fact, the landless poor have been occupying the lands for long. Only after their repeated representations, I visited the place and only after I was satisfied that they were all landless poor people who had been in occupation of the land for a long time that I represented to the Collector that the land be assigned to them. In no other way, I am responsible for the encroachments, if they can be called encroachments at all. Will he, therefore, withdraw the charge he levelled against me? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is nothing to withdraw. I was very cautious to say that the hon. Member was responsible to some extent for the encroachments. He might not have led the peasants but his comrades would have. That is why I said he was responsible to some extent." 9 a.m.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Another point of personal explanation, Sir. The Hon. Minister has been saying that I might not have been responsible but my comrades would have been responsible. That also actually is quite wrong. Will the Government make enquiries before making such charges."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" It is only after making the enquiry I have made the statement. The statement is quite correct."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are Government aware that Ponnani taluk in Malabar contains the thickest population per square mile in the whole of this State? These poor landless . . ."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are we not in the next question, Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have not called the next question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" These poor landless agricultural labourers have constructed bunds and they are keeping them for want of any other place. I do accept as the Hon. Minister has stated that it falls within the high water-mark of the sea. Unless and until they get some other lands, these poor labourers cannot leave their present place. Will the Government see to it that eviction proceedings are kept in abeyance till these people get some other kind of work? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I do sympathise with the situation. But I would earnestly request the hon. Member to suggest to me other lands that are available. I shall consider the suggestion."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" One submission, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Let the Hon. Minister during his tour of Malabar make enquiries to ascertain the correct position. At present the Hon. Minister had been making enquiries only through some officials who are liable to be influenced by certain rich people. My request to him is that he makes enquiries during his impending visit to Malabar."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it right for us to go on making submissions and points of information, Sir?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan said he wanted to make a 'submission'. When he said 'submission', I must hear what he has got to say. I must hear what comes out of his mouth. How am I to know what the hon. Member has got to say before hearing him? (Laughter.) I must hear him. Then only I can say whether it could be admitted or not."

Prohibition offences by Government employees.

* 1655 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any Government Order that a Government employee or Police official may be warned, if he has committed any offence under the Prohibition Act for the first time and that he may be dismissed, if the offence is repeated; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the order on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No order has been issued by Government directing that a Government employee should be let off with a warning if he has committed an offence under the Prohibition Act for the first time. An order has been issued to the effect that the punishment to be awarded to a Government employee in respect of an offence under the Prohibition Act for the first time should be decided on the merits of the case and that in respect of any such second offence, the punishment should be dismissal from service. A copy of the order [a] is placed on the table of the House."

[a] Printed as Appendex on page 560 infra.